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The enclosed letter is for your consideration.

Thank you,
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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to urge you and the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue has been dragged out for over three years and it is time to put it to rest. Microsoft and the industry need to move on.

Some critics say that Microsoft has gotten off easy. In fact, the settlement is quite strict. Microsoft agreed to give computer makers the freedom to install and promote any software that they see fit. Microsoft has also agreed not to enter into any contract with any computer maker that obligates the computer maker to exclusively promote Microsoft software. In fact, Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit.

In order to move forward, Microsoft has made many concessions. The settlement is fair and should be accepted. The only way to move forward is to put the case in the past.

Sincerely,



Robin Downie